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Pte. L. H. Nichols Describes Front Where Canadians Now Are.

FINE LAND FOR TOURISTS.

Americans Will Likely Carry Off All Wreckage, Is Opinion of McGill Student.

An interesting description of recent events on the Canadian front, as well as some account of the nature of the surroundings of the troops at present, is given in a letter just received by E. A. Corbett, M.A., general secretary of the McGill Y. M. C. A., from Pte. L. H. Nichols, Arts '16, who left the position of assistant secretary of the Association to enlist in No. 9 Canadian Field Ambulance.

Pte. Nichols writes: "A bundle of Dailies of the first week of the session are responsible for my reply to your letter. They arrived last night, addressed to Harry MacFarlane. The few McGill men at this place buzzed around them until the candles died out. Although vivid memories of old haunts and happenings on the campus were awakened, yet one felt somehow as if the separation was very great indeed; as if one were viewing things through the wrong end of a telescope. The Daily seems up to its usual high standard, and as I looked over the news of the Hall and the receptions and what not I felt encouraged to call loudly for all the newspaper anyone would lend me and write you to-night. A number of things have aroused the usual comment in my mind, and the inevitable suggestions. 'Professor John Speaks at the Hall'—I would like to have heard him. 'Meals at the Union'—the editorial describing them had the right flavour at least; why not announce them with the familiar silver strains to which are set that rousing call 'Come to the Cook House Door, Boys, Come to the Cook House Door?' 'C. O. T. C. for McGill Men Only'—compulsory form-fours, etc., all are very interesting headlines.

"If you could see us all at work (infantry and ourselves especially), you would wonder what it was all about; these trenches are narrow and the shell holes wide; a strong hold on a stretcher, a gun or a pick and shovel, a cast iron interior, rather seem to me the essentials. Perhaps the atmosphere created by dizzy formations and long serpentine walks is a pleasant and useful aid to military spirit, but how about a little concerted effort at levelling the humps and ditches on old McGill College avenue. This subject, of course, is 'verboten' to me, but my early opinions have more than been borne out by experiences here. The long list of casualties as published in the first issue of the Daily is only to be expected when one considers the nature of the fighting and the number of McGill men over here, but it is very long, and I am surprised how many old friends are there.

"The fact that I have been able to write so much already speaks well for my surroundings, and they are very comfortable. It is not always thus, however, at least not during the two months just past. Since it is customary for even our much censored mail to contain some information and description of ourselves, other than observations, I will add a few before closing.

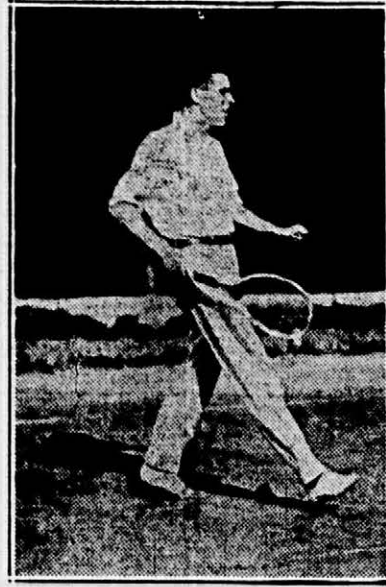
"You already know all there is to know concerning the recent battles Canadians have shovelled in. The reports in home newspapers leave nothing to be desired; but it is a pity that someone may not restrain a few of the reports from the exercise of their imaginations. The effect, if humorous, is ghastly at times. The comments beneath pictures of wounded being evacuated are the worst; but this is another digression.

"We are at present on a 'quiet' section of front once occupied by the French. Their marvellous handiwork is everywhere apparent; e.g., we came up to our present position through a trench that is fully four miles long; it is wide and high and well made. There are scores of others crossing and recrossing sometimes at different levels and covered over by bridges all well built, and over eight feet deep. Some sections, especially near the front, where our aid posts are, make pleasant walking. The sides are vertical and narrow, covered with fresh moss and orange-coloured fungi and drooping down from the edges are masses of ivy and festoons of yellow flowers. The dugouts are very deep and the men in the front and elsewhere have splendid protection. When you see one of those Humfries or Minnewerfers land, which Fritz throws over, one is glad that the chances of doing injury to our men is at a minimum.

"For the last week or so about a dozen of us have been living in a dry and roomy vaulted cellar of an old estaminet, of which nothing remains but a scrap of wall and a heap of wreckage overhead. On going outside, at first sight it seems a land of the dead, so many crosses marking soldiers' graves everywhere, and all so quiet and deserted. There are long rows of demolished chalk-stone houses and barns, shattered orchards, streets heaped with rubbish; moss-covered, weather-beaten, forlorn. But most of the cellars are intact and house many men living comfortably like ourselves. Cunningly concealed trenches wind about through the orchards and house foundations, down the streets, the cobbles breast high; in fact there are

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PLAYING A BIGGER GAME.



MAJOR A. L. S. MILLS.

A. L. S. Mills, Law '14, who used to be a member of the McGill Inter-collegiate Tennis team when it won every match in sight, is now engaged in making it forty-fold against the Germans with the 24th Battalion. He writes to McGill Daily that he has been advanced in rank to that of major, after a year's service with the Montreal unit of which he is a member. Major Mills is a son of the Bishop of Ontario.

BIG M'S. ARE AWARDED FOR TRACK WORK

Athletic Association Passes Upon a Large Amount of Business.

SMALL M'S. ALSO GIVEN.

W. Parsons, Med. '17, Suspended For Failure to Try Prescribed Med. Examination.

A number of M's were awarded at a rather lengthy meeting of the Athletic Association held in the Union yesterday afternoon. Those present were W. H. Gerrie, President; D. C. Smelter, Track Club; A. H. Greenwood, Football Club; J. W. Rooney, Hockey Club; H. Pitts, Basketball Club; A. Clark, English Rugby Club; and H. Moquin, B. W., and F. Club.

The president's action in granting permission to a number of Arts students, representing the Presbyterian College, to play in a game of basketball at the Wesleyan College on October 23, was first ratified by the meeting. Another letter from T. C. Thompson, Sci. '19, asking to be reinstated, was read. An application for reinstatement had been received from Mr. Thompson in the early part of the session, but refused. On explaining his case more thoroughly, however, it was the opinion of the meeting that he was not entirely at fault. After some discussion over this point a motion was passed reinstating Mr. Thompson, but it was pointed out that he clearly understood the seriousness of his offence.

Permission was given A. Davis, Arts '19, to play football for the Macbean Club, an outside team.

Letters were read from Mr. Mesner, Med. '21; L. Levin, Commerce '17, and T. J. Fox, Sci. '18, asking permission to play basketball with outside teams. In view of the fact that the Basketball Club is short of players this year, this permission was refused at present, so that the Club may be able to have a pick of the basketball talent.

In the event of these players not being able to make the McGill teams, a further application might be favorably received.

It was then reported that W. Parsons, Med. '17, who played one game of football with the Medicine team, had not been physically examined. The Association had no other alternative than to suspend him from further participation in athletics, as this was a direct breach of the constitution of the Association.

Permission was granted the following to play in basketball games in the Theological Basketball League.

A. Litchfield, Arts '20.
N. Peterson, Arts '20.
H. C. Knowlton, Arts '20.
The awarding of the M's for the Track Club was then taken up and discussed. There being no meet at

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WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY.

5.00 p.m.—Physical Society Meeting.
5.00 p.m.—Dr. Herdt before Electric Club.
6.00 p.m.—Nominations close for Faculty representatives, Students' Council.
7.30 p.m.—1918 Annual Business Board meeting.

COMING.

Dec. 6th—24th vs. McGill, Water Polo.
Dec. 7.—Conservatorium Orchestral Concert at R. V. C.
Dec. 11—Students' Council Elections.
Dec. 13—Historical Club meeting.
Dec. 14—Lecture at McGill Conservatorium.
Dec. 15—Union Informal Dance.

AMERICAN CLUB HOLDS BANQUET LAST EVENING

Windsor is Scene of Fifth Annual Function of Club.

FACULTY MEMBERS SPEAK.

Colonel Adami, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Oertel, Dr. Porter and Others Deliver Addresses.

The American Club of McGill University held its fifth annual banquet at the Windsor Hotel last night. There were about 60 present, and the guests of honor being Col. Adami, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Oertel, Dr. Maas and Dr. Porter, all of whom made speeches after the dinner. The tastefully decorated room, together with the excellent arrangements for handling the company, all tended to make this one of the most successful and most enjoyable of the American Club banquets. The excellent attendance certainly shows that this club is going strong, and likely to so continue.

After the dinner was over, Pres. Harshaw called on A. C. Farlinger to propose a toast to the King. This was heartily joined in by all present. R. Hastings was next called upon for a toast to President Wilson. He said that he was sure we were all grateful to Canada for the many privileges she had extended the Americans, and the hospitality with which she received them. He said that if the members were not thankful enough for what Canada had done for them, and was doing for them, to be at least good citizens of the Dominion, then they were not fit to be called American citizens. Although Hastings is a Republican by birth, he had nothing but praise for President Wilson. He said that the President was a man of the times, and had done wonderfully well in carrying the United States through the most trying times.

The President next extended a welcome to all present, and then called on Dr. Sullivan, who was received with great applause. Dr. Sullivan said that he wished to congratulate the executive on having such a fine banquet at this most trying time, adding he was glad to see that there was one club that the war had not greatly affected. Dr. Sullivan spoke about the intercourse between Canadian and American institutions, a subject which he was able to handle in a very efficient manner, since he has been a student at both Canadian and American institutions. A Sullivan also mentioned the great migration of Canadian to the United States, because of the opportunities afforded by the larger and more smoothly running universities. He said that most of the students intended to return, but many of them did not, and in this way gave all the power to our neighboring country. Many of the most gifted men in the States are Canadians. The Canadian Clubs in the United States were also mentioned by Dr. Sullivan, and he said that these were a great factor in keeping alive the national Canadian spirit. In contrast to these facts it is strange the number of men that McGill attracts from the United States. There are many who come here from all parts of the States to study, and Dr. Sullivan considers McGill as one of the foremost of the institutions on this continent, as well as being known all over the world. In conclusion, Dr. Sullivan reminded all of the fame that Canadian arms had won in this war on the fields of France and Flanders.

The President then read a letter which he received just before the banquet from Capt. Murray, of the 213th Overseas Company, wishing the diners a most enjoyable time.

Dr. Oertel was next called upon to speak, and gave a very amusing talk. He discussed the definition of home, and found that a good one was "Home is the place you know every corner of, and the bartender calls you by your first name." Dr. Oertel thought that Americans gained much from coming to Canada. Primarily, he said, that we gained the solidity of the country which meant so much to us in after life. He considered McGill a great University, where men from the many different centres meet. It is a true University, the breeding place of world ideas, and the centre where men actively engaged in furthering the ideal of the human race.

Prof. Porter, of the Faculty of Applied Science, next spoke. He comes from the United States, and is a graduate of Columbia University. He considered himself as one of the destructive agencies of the University rather than one of the instructive agencies, and this because he was chairman of the Examination Committee. He also spoke of the war and said that in the Faculty of Applied Science there were only 31 per cent. of the students that there were before the war. He spoke of the spirit of the Americans, expressed by the man who enlisted, who said, "I am an American, but I am a Canadian until after the war."

Col. Adami was the next speaker. He spoke in his usual interesting and humorous style, and said that all should be proud to be at McGill. Col. Adami, who has been more than eighteen months on the other side, spoke about the feeling of the British people toward the United States. He said that now they fully realized the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, and that in spite of all we may see in the papers, there was no feeling, at least in the higher

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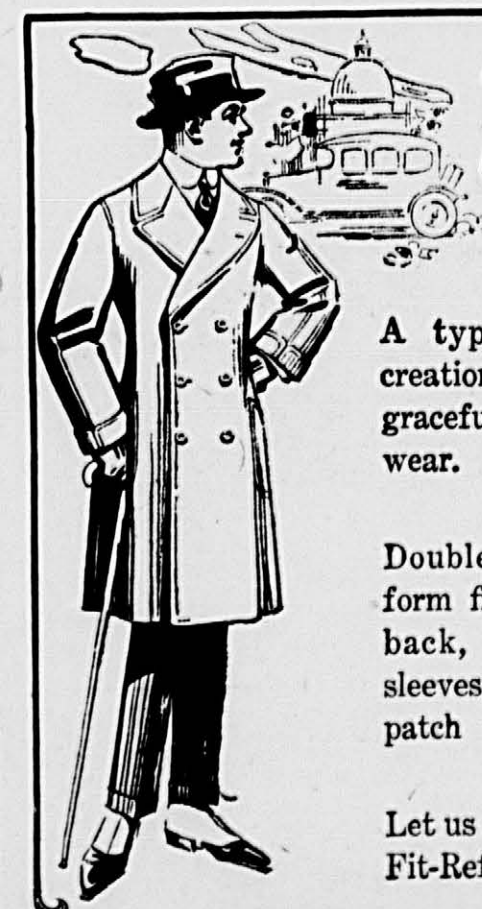
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THE FOUR P'S.

Who is the successful man? The question is asked in its most strict sense. We all know without having to go beyond our college walls, that a few men, by means of a flashy exterior, and a certain amount of what is called "brass," will spring up to a mushroom state of popularity; that they in fact carry all before them. But we also know that these men hold their positions about as long as the mushroom flourishes. What, then, would you like to find in the truly successful man, be he a college student or one who has already gone forth to battle in the world? In every walk of life true success is assured to the man who possesses, "Purpose-Plan-Perseverance and Patience."

He must have a purpose, or like a ship without a rudder, all his strength, and his other good qualities, will be wantonly tossed in the tempestuous world; and in the end his fate will be destruction. Nothing can surpass the absurdity of one who allows his vocation to fluctuate with every whimsical idea that passes through his mind. Have a purpose; know what you are to be in the future; and turn all your energies to the accomplishment of that purpose.

The second P is plan. Even the most ignorant among us would brand that man as irrational, who, intending to construct a house, would begin by throwing together stones, brick, wood, plaster, without thinking of what size or of what shape he intended to make the house. Why, then, do so many of us, after choosing the profession which we intend to follow, stand idly by, while golden hours and golden opportunities slip by? Plan is the complement of Purpose; without the first you will lose the other.

And could anything be more necessary for a truly successful man than Perseverance? Nothing great can be accomplished without this quality; it makes a man superior to difficulties, and always carries with it a crown. Let a man's talent be ever so mediocre, but let him be faithful to duty, let him tenaciously cling to his purpose in life, he will surely, like the tortoise in the race, outstrip his clever but wayward opponent.

Lastly, who would gainsay Patience? This world, and the men who are in it, are so hemmed in, by time and space, that the good that is accomplished comes only after many trials and reverses. Happy is he who can be as true a man in adversity as in prosperity; for it is the former that tests human worth. Have patience then; do not expect the world to adjust itself to your own speed; to move fast when you do, and to wait for your failings. If reverses come, bear them manfully, always trusting to a brighter future.

HOW TO WRITE EXAM. PAPERS.

The suggestion made by a faculty member of the academic department of the University, that a course in examination paper writing should with profit be introduced in the curriculum, deserves more than passing consideration. In his remarks this instructor made several telling points which may be useful to the uninitiated. Speaking from the point of view of the person who corrects the paper, he reminded his class of the unfortunately disagreeable impression caused by poor spelling and slovenly penmanship. Then he mentioned the fact that a question often precipitates an unexpected avalanche of uncalled for and useless information, which the student feels he must put down on paper for the good of his soul. He complimented his students for taking his lectures for gospel, and yet, he said, he felt that the students should verify and clarify the information which he as a lecturer could only outline and suggest. This mental habit was not hard to detect through the various answers given. In general he advised any one writing an examination first to study the question, and then to give only what is asked for with the greatest economy of space and energy.

Were such a course introduced in the curriculum, and required of all students and instructors, it would be the most wonderful human document that ever escaped the pen of O. Henry. What a wonderful conglomeration of conflicting ideas would find place in this melting pot! What an education for the student to know that hot air does not always pass for true knowledge! What a disappointment for the instructor who expects a student to write at the rate of ten thousand words an hour! In the meantime, while we indulge in fanciful day dreams of the ideal student writing the ideal examination paper for the ideal instructor, many are there who would welcome with untold gratitude a "short course" of perhaps a lecture period by each and every instructor, telling exactly what is and what is not expected in an examination given in that particular course.—The Minnesota Daily.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

What about going to the Tea-room to-day, fellows? You'll never miss what you spend, and you will be, by eating there to-day, keeping someone else from starving. Let us explain. This is another special day at the Tea-room, the proceeds of the afternoon being devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund. Those in charge of this fund have been telling us what little it takes to keep a Belgian family for a day, but the number of these families is so great that it is hard for the Fund Committee to keep up the good work. The girls of the R. V. C., realizing this, have come to the decision announced above, and naturally wish to have the proceeds from the afternoon as large as possible. After you come from a three o'clock lecture, a cup of coffee and some toast and cake will just nicely tide you over till the evening meal. The object is good, and the "eats" are good. What about it, fellows?

A Colgate University professor, who saw active service for two years with the English army along the Somme, in Alsace-Lorraine, and on the German front, has just resumed his work with the college and has given over a hundred lectures on the experiences he had with the allied armies.

Washington University is contemplating the suspension of its daily paper unless the subscription list is increased by 200 during the next two weeks. The expenses of the

publication are so great and the readers so few that adequate advertisers cannot be found to defray the heavy expenses.

A "Father's Homecoming" which was tried for the first time last week, proved successful at the Missouri State College.

Sherman Landers and Earl Eby, former Chicago prep athletic stars, are at present registered in the Wharton School of Commerce at Pennsylvania. Eby attended the University of Chicago last year and is noted for his records in half mile runs.

PHRYNE AND FRANKENSTEIN.

Dear Frankenstein.—You are perhaps right, and I am well aware that all things must end; but I believe, may, I am certain that there are still many interesting subjects to discuss. I will therefore await your next letter in eager expectation. You are always sure of one reader, and that is—

Your friend,

PHRYNE.

P. S.—Vous n'avez pas assez de confiance en vous-même, mon cher ami.

HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

The almost humorous picture drawn, recently, by the Hon. J. W. Forster, who, with Mr. Julius Corbett, has been appointed to write the official history of the war, illustrates very forcibly the change that has come over history and history-making in the last hundred years or so. Mr. Forster was speaking in London, and he referred to the way they were handicapped by the fact that they only knew one side of affairs. Writing a history of the war before the war was over, he said, when they did not know what the issue would be, when they knew nothing of the other side, nothing of the diplomatic work, nothing of scandals and wirepulling, was impossible.

Now, the historian of the ancients, and his successors through many centuries, would have been little troubled by such difficulties. It is only, in fact, within recent years that the writing of history has become a thing of exactness. It is a vast subject, of course, stretching away in its course back a thousand years and more before the Christian era, and finding its first undoubted expression in the historical books of the Old Testament. These books, as far as is known, represent the first attempt of mankind to record events as they actually took place, and from that day to the present, the great work of compilation has never ceased. The Jews were followed by the Greeks, the Greeks by the Romans, and the Romans by a host of historians of many countries. Thus the story of the Jewish writers touches, at points, the story of the Greek historian Herodotus; and so on to Thucydides, the greatest of all ancient historians. Then there is the plain, straightforward narrative of the Greek historian, Xenophon; and so the parable passes, as it were, to Rome, and is taken up by such writers as Sallust and Livy and Tacitus.

The Fourth and Fifth Centuries witnessed great changes in the history of history. The whole civilized world, as it was then known, had become Christian, and great deeds of antiquity began to lose their charm for men, and the whole of the world's history began to be recast on a so-called Christian model. Eusebius of Caesarea was the first great Christian historian. Measured by the modern standard, his ecclesiastical history may leave much to be desired in point of accuracy; it is, none the less, a record of first importance; whilst his "Chronica" became the basis for all medieval world chronicles. Then, the Renaissance, and subsequently, the Reformation brought about great changes in the art of history writing. It was a period when the desire for artistic and esthetic effect began to give way to the demand for fact and proof. It was an age when historical documents, especially ecclesiastical documents, were subjected to much searching criticism, and when the claims of this one or that one to authenticity were vigorously challenged.

It was not, however, until the Nineteenth Century, largely owing to the great work initiated by such men as Mabillon, of searching and cataloguing the archives of Europe, that history writing in its present form began to take definite shape. Since the middle of the Nineteenth Century, the writing of history has been completely transformed. Historical criticism has been remade. As it has been well put, hardly an old master remains an authoritative book of reference. Grote, Giesbrecht, and to some extent Gibbon, stand to-day by reason of other qualities than their truth. The history writer of to-day, therefore, has to comply with this demand for accuracy. It is, in fact, his impossible of history, and it would be as impossible for him to write the account of current events, after the fashion of Suetonius' "Lives of the Caesars," as it would be for him to find any satisfaction in coloring himself with words. Either Suetonius or Livy would, of course, have handled the whole situation with the utmost ease; gaps in the necessary data would, for them, have been only opportunities for exercising their literary sense of fitness. Such gaps would have been merely filled with the most readable matter, and with the greatest skill. It is customary, nowadays, of course, to regard such methods as impossible, and yet if Livy were writing to-day on the banks of the Thames, as he wrote on the banks of the Tiber 2,000 years ago, he would most surely produce a history of the great war, not only readable beyond most books, but well-nigh invaluable as a picture of the times. His details might be all wrong; but his very flights of fancy would throw an unexpected light on a character here and a character there, such as never would have shone through the pages of modern history. There is, after all, something to be said for "history as an art."

Some alert student at the University of Michigan has discovered that the name of the President of the United States is Thomas Woodrow Wilson, he having lopped off the first of his Christian names at the outset of his political career—doubtless for reasons of euphony.

LAW COED OBJECTS TO MUSTACHES.

Amid much hilarity and enthusiasm, the seniors in law at the University of Texas met to make laws. As a result they voted to wear Daniel Webster collars and black string ties every Tuesday and Thursday for the rest of the year. An amendment proposing that all should also raise a Miss McQueen, the only girl student in the class, and went down to defeat.

The executive committee of the athletic association of the University of Nevada is considering the abolition of all athletics for one year, due to the lack of financial support by the undergraduates.



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An official communication from Ottawa reports that on November 23rd, Dr. Paul Villard, lecturer in French in the Faculty of Arts at McGill, has been gazetted with the honorary rank of Major in the Army Medical Corps of the Canadian Militia. Dr. Villard is chairman of the Military Commission for the examination of French reservists, and chairman of the Commission of Medical examiners in returning disabled soldiers of the French army. Since the commencement of hostilities he has been most active in different committees connected with the war. He is the Vice-President of the French section of the Canadian Patriotic Fund; First Vice-President of the Union National Français; Secretary Treasurer of the Relief Committee for Disabled French Reservists, and Treasurer of the Canadian Branch of the French Relief Committee for the orphans of the war. At McGill he is Honorary President of the Cercle Français.

Major Villard is a Frenchman by birth, and a much decorated member of the teaching staff of the Faculty of Arts. Born at St. Etienne (Loire), France, on August 29, 1887, he was educated at the St. Etienne High School, at the University of Paris, where he took his B.A. degree in 1889, and at the Wesleyan University in Ohio, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1900. In addition Major Villard studied medicine at the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and was graduated with the degree of M.D., C.M., in 1905.

Since 1908 Major Villard has been a minister in full connection with the Methodist Church of Canada. He was appointed Principal of the French Methodist Institute of Canada in 1901, and is also connected in an official capacity with the Wesleyan Theological College. Since 1914 he was a member of the teaching staff of the Department of Modern Languages of the Faculty of Arts as a lecturer. In 1909 Major Villard was created an Officer of the Academy by the French Government in recognition of his services to education.

When in France he was a teacher in modern languages, and also a lecturer connected with the work of the Y. M. C. A., being general secretary of the District of the Rhone and a member of the national committee. Major Villard was married in 1892 to Miss Emma Louise Berry, of London, England.

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Appeal Issued by the Students' Council for Proper Spirit in Wartime.

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The Roll of Honour that stands in the atrium of the Main Building and the number of our students at the front or preparing to go to the front is a silent and perfect refutation of any such suspicions or calumnies. In the light of these facts, the Students' Administrative Council appeals to those students who for one reason or another are still in muff to so to conduct themselves as not only to do honour to their fellows who are representing us in this great war, but so as to bring no shadow of dishonour or disrepute to the University or to the great body of alumni who after all have done and are doing their duty so nobly in this crisis.

At a moment like this it should be unnecessary to say that unseemly conduct on the part of any individual student or any group of students will not merely be frowned upon, but will be punished with such severity as will satisfy the sense of justice in a time of national peril and mourning."

Collier C. Grant, General Secretary.

STUDENTS SENT TO COLUMBIA.

For the first time the United States Navy has sent five graduates of the Naval Academy to study aeroplane motors and submarine oil engines at Columbia under Prof. Charles E. Lucke, of the graduate engineering school, known throughout the country as an expert on gas engines. The five men selected by the navy are Lieutenant Harold Stacy Burdick, Francis Grant Marsh, Lorain Anderson, Herbert W. Underwood, and Sidney M. Krause.

R. H. MATHER MARRIED. The marriage is announced at St. Marylebone Parish Church on November 28, of Richard Henry Mather, Sci. 28, of George Mather, Ottawa, and Miss Grace Margaret Fairbanks Kohl, youngest daughter of Mrs. Kohl, Peel street, Montreal.

Xenes, N.—Poesias.

Pritchett, H. S.—Annew Carnegie. Cape of Good Hope.—Cases decided in the Court of Appeals, 1880-1900. 3 vols.

Cape of Good Hope.—Cases decided in the Court of Appeals (Juta), 1910.

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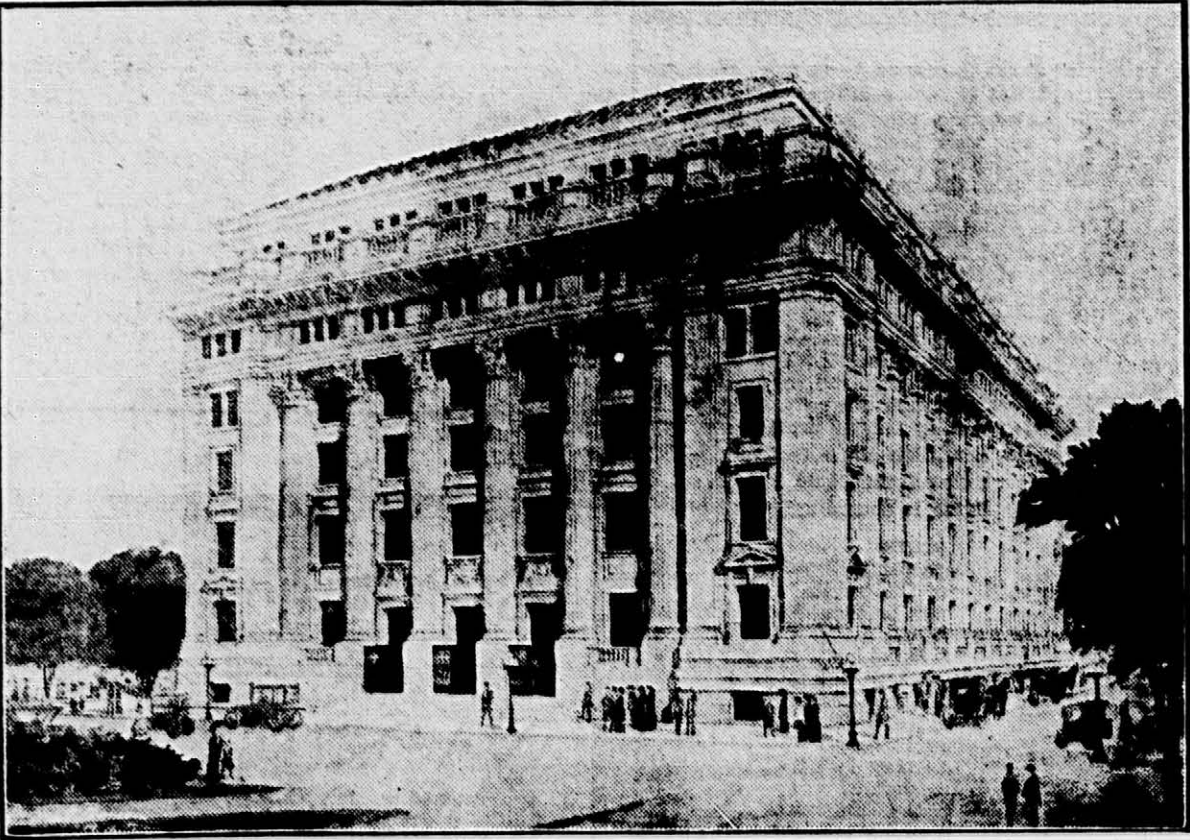
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"Stretching-bearing is not quite the day and night work that it was a few weeks ago, I'm thankful to say; and the casualties here are slight. I suppose you know that Spurge McKenzie has a commission in the C. F. A. I hope he has come through the hot times of late."

BIG M'S ARE AWARDED FOR TRACK WORK.

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Toronto or Queen's this year, the times and distances made at the meets of these clubs last year was used as a basis of arriving at a decision as to who should get the large Block M's. This resulted in the following getting the large letter:
Dan Sutherland, Sci. '18.
Don Smeizer, Med. '18.
Eric Cushing, Sci. '17.
The basis for awarding of the small block letters was as usual, in the points made on the University Sports Day. It resulted in the following getting small block M's:
J. Block, Arts '19.
W. H. Gerrie, Sci. '17.
G. Hillier, Med. '18.
H. Pitts, Med. '18.
The following also won the small block letters, but being freshmen, they could not qualify.
J. D. King, Sci. '19.
A. L. Walsh, Med. '21.
Wm. Donnelly, Med. '21.
The consideration of football M's was held over until the next meeting on account of lack of information. In order to prevent trouble that may arise from any misunderstanding, a warning is issued to McGill students who are taking courses in Theology that they must first get the permission of the Association before taking part in the Theological Basketball League.
The meeting then adjourned.

AMERICAN CLUB HOLDS BANQUET LAST EVENING.

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circles, against the United States. At the outbreak of the war, he said, there might have been a feeling that the United States should have done something, and especially at the time of the invasion of Belgium, they should have expressed an opinion, but that had died down, and the British people felt that the States, in their present position, might lead a general and direct movement for peace.
Dr. Moas also gave a short talk, and Prof. Willard was called upon to toast the ladies, after which a toast was proposed to McGill. With the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and "God Save the King," the fifth annual banquet of the American Club ended with a lusty McGill yell.
ANNUAL BUSINESS BOARD.
A meeting of the business board of the 1918 Annual will be held at 7.30 this evening, at the R. V. C.
A lad lost a ring one day.
He's from Medicine '20, they say;
He put up an ad.,
It was answered, by gad,
He called. But did he stay?

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To (ah) nes tie once more in that ha ven of rest—
Your (ah) lips upon mine my (ah) head on your breast

(Ah) You kissed me! My heart, with my breath and my will
Reeled and swooned like a drunk while my lips clasped me round melt in mine are the ques taste no more that your breast And (ah) if you were here

and different individuals may elect to use it in different ways.
We were much inclined, instead of the above, to give the scanning of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's famous poem, "A Woman's Question," which is a composite and needs considerable medicine at places to give it a truly rhythmical character. We have given the preference to Miss Hunt, however, as "A Woman's Question" is too long, and contains too many references to hot mutton and other non-exalted objects, which detract considerably from its value as a poem of refined sentiment.
From the point of view of rhyme, rhythm and meter, all verse falls under one of three classes—the perfect, the imperfect and the absurd. The perfect can be scanned easily, though it may not display any grandeur of thought. The absurd need not be discussed. In the case of imperfect verse, metrical imperfections may be atoned for by sublimity of theme, etc., and it is not the business of a

C. L. BATH PROMOTED FOR GALLANT SERVICE

Science Undergrad. Now Flight Commander in 29th Squadron of the R. F. C.

A Toronto despatch says that word has been received there of the promotion of Lieut. C. L. Bath, Sci. '17, to the position of flight commander and captain of the 29th squadron of the Royal Flying Corps.
Captain Bath is a stepson of Lieut. Col. H. C. Osborne, of the Headquarters Staff of the Toronto Military District.
Although only 20 years of age when he was declared an enlisted man for active service with the Eaton Machine Gun Battery, and proceeded with that unit to England. Shortly after his arrival in Britain he was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and for nearly two years has served with the British forces on the western front, recently at the Somme. His promotion is in recognition of gallantry and distinguished service.
Captain Bath is now 22 years of age. He received his education at Trinity College School, Port Hope; Trinity College, Toronto, and McGill University. His sister, Marian, is a nurse in the Canadian Military Hospital at Beechborough Park, near Shorncliffe, England, one of the first Canadian hospitals to be established overseas.

LIST OF THOSE ON DUTY AT TEA ROOM

Miss L. Fowler is Committee Member in Charge at Popular Tearoom.

Those in charge at the R. V. C. tea-room to-day are:—
To prepare—2-3: M. Muir, E. Price, E. Ross, L. Swindhurst, 3-4: H. Kelly, J. Nichol, A. Wilson and M. Reeve.
To Make Tea—4-5: D. Mathewson, I. Reid, J. Robson.
5-6: D. Mathewson, M. Muir, I. Scott.
To Make Toast—4-5: E. Sangster, M. Olding, M. Popliger, G. Rhodes, J. Reid, G. Moody, O. Donald, G. Stevens, 5-6: E. Sangster, F. Novick, M. Popliger, I. Reid, M. Reeves, J. Robson, G. Rhodes, M. McLimont.
To Serve—4-5: M. Garrow, R. Potter, M. McLimont, B. Ross, E. Ross, H. Duclos.
5-6: H. Kelly, R. Potter, G. Moody, J. Reid, B. Ross, E. Prowse.
Cashier—4-5: I. Patterson. 5-6: E. Price.
Committee member in charge—L. Fowler.

FIRST STREET PARADE OF THE MCGILL C.O.T.C.

Company Drill Held Last Evening on the Champ de Mars.

The McGill contingent, C.O.T.C., made its first appearance on the street last evening, when all companies paraded from Headquarters to the Champ de Mars, where company drill was held during the remainder of the evening. The Bugle Band, under Drum Major Tom Graydon, led the column, while the Regimental Band was holding a practice in the Union. The men of the battalion lined up on Sherbrooke street in front of Headquarters, and after securing their rifles at the Armoury in the Arts Building, marched through the streets to the drill ground. There was much favourable comment aroused among spectators at the bearing and discipline of the men, who are gradually getting into trim to take part in the curriculum which has been mapped out for the winter. Officers of the battalion spoke in complimentary terms of the showing which the battalion made on the march.

BAN FUSSING AT FOOTBALL GAMES.

The student council at the University of Kansas has ruled that there shall be no fussing on the part of the students to the football games this year. A paddling squad was appointed to take care of any who fail to observe the rule. This comes as a result of peepless rooting for the past two years.

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Rhyme, Rhythm and Metre

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When Kenneth Harris wrote his rather clever jingle "The Rocky Hill," there was no necessity to begin with Oh, which he seems to have done for metrical reasons.

Oh, Jack and Jill went up the hill. They had with them a pail to fill.

If the Oh were omitted Jack might be regarded as a pedantic caesura of perfect iambic value; or we might arrive at the same result under the rhythmic system of scansion by treating Jack as if it were pronounced Ja-ack or Ja (ah)ck. Here we have (ah) in its most delicate form.

Few names stand so high among

Know ye the land where the cypress and myrtle are
 Are emblems of deeds that are done
 Where the range of the vulture is
 Now melt into softness now
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Good meter may not always make good rhythm; in fact where the poet's ear is radically defective it seldom does. But good rhythm must make good meter, if it is properly scanned. It would be going too far to say that the scansion given by such an authority as Gould Brown in the above selection was incorrect. It is quite perfect as rhyme-and-line scansion, and also accords with the weight-and-measure system (this is the first occasion that we have remarked the slightest difference between these two), insofar as that system is bound to respect a line as plain, and less objectionable, I submit both to the judgment of the reader:

Edgar Allan Poe's Scansion.

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We believe that this is the scansion that Edgar Allan Poe had in his head, but which he failed to realize in fullest sense. It is essentially a rhythmic scansion, as opposed to every other form, and it will be interesting to learn how it will be received by the authorities on prosody.

The dactylic flow is absolutely unvaried throughout, including the caesuras, and regarded as blank verse it is metrically flawless.

One more example. Take that

(Ah) You kissed me, my head
 With a feel of shel
 While the ho ly emo
 Flashed (ah) up as in flame
 Your (ah) arms held me fast;
 Heart (ah) beat against heart
 Your (ah) glan ces seemed draw
 As the sun draws the mist
 Your (ah) lips clung to mine
 They might never er unclasp

You (ah) kissed me! my heart
 In delir ious joy
 Life (ah) had for me then
 No (ah) vi sions of rap
 And (ah) were I this in
 Of the peace and the joy
 I would fling my white robes
 I would tear from my fore

authorities on versification as those of Edgar Allan Poe and Gould Brown; yet these two gentlemen did not always agree, and neither of them was astute enough to recognize the undeniable effect of (ah) as a prosodic device. The elimination of a word or syllable by breathing it out of the rhythm was also something that never occurred to either of them; and what is said of these two applies to all other authorities on the subject. Gould Brown, in his huge Grammar of English Grammars says:

In its rhythmic effect upon the ear, a superfluous short syllable at the end of a line may sometimes, perhaps, compensate for the want of such a syllable at the beginning of the next line; but still it is unusual, and

seems improper, to suppose such syllables to belong to the scansion of the subsequent line; for the division of lines, with their harmonic pauses, is greater than the division of feet, and implies that no foot can ever actually be split by it. Poe has suggested that the division into lines may be disregarded in scanning, and sometimes must be. He cites for an example the beginning of Byron's *Stanzas of Abydos*—a passage which has been admired for its easy flow, and which, he says, has greatly puzzled those who have attempted to scan it. Regarding it as essentially anapestic tetrameter, yet as having some initial iambs, and the first and fifth lines dactylic, I (we are quoting from Gould Brown) shall here divide it accordingly, thus:—

line or weigh-and-measure process. Poe was undoubtedly on the right track, but he did not go far enough. He failed to recognize that he was dealing essentially with beautiful blank verse with veiled rhymes interlarded to make the smoothness still more complete. We believe that a more sonorous and a more consistent scansion than either of the foregoing can be seen in the following it being understood that all punctuation is purely for grammatical purposes, and is not meant to influence the intonation:

"That no sufficient remedy for treating catalectic or hypermetrical lines had suggested itself even to Poe may be gathered from his review of Elizabeth Oakes Smith, vol. 3, p. 136 of his works. While discussing some verses which are essentially in iambic heptameter but which, owing to the presence of certain irreconcilable anapaests, must be classified among those composites which possess an imperfect though not discordant rhythm, he says:

Here iambs and anapaests are so nearly balanced that the ear hesitates to receive the rhythm as either anapaestic or iambic, that is, it hesitates to receive it as anything at all. A rhythm should always be distinctly marked by its first foot. . . . In common with a very large majority of American, and, indeed, of European poets, Mrs. Smith seems to be totally unacquainted with the principles of versification. . . . There is not a prosody in existence which is worth the paper on which it is printed.

New Rhythmic System of Scansion.

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sweet, refined poem, "You Kissed Me," which, naturally, is by a female author. It would have been better, perhaps, had she put her first line in this form:

You kissed me! My head shyly
 drooped on your breast because it is
 in anapestic tetrameter throughout,
 and it is going rather far to have a line shy of two syllables, one being at the limit. It might be pleaded in extenuation that a lady, kissed unexpectedly, would quite naturally

dropped (ah) low
 ter and in
 tions my tongue
 from my heart
 oh! your arms
 in their pas
 ing my soul
 from the sea
 till I prayed
 from the rap

my (ah) breath
 for a mom
 no tempta
 ture outside
 stant an an
 that belong
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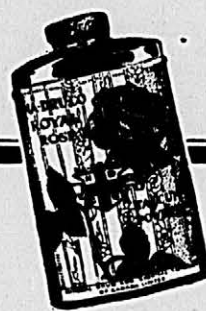
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